



May 4, 2016

Dear _____;

We urge you as a local leader in the business-industry sector interested in development of a well trained work force to respond to Secretary of Education Skandera's recent request. She has requested letters of support from the community for immediate adoption of Next Generation Science Standards NGSS in a meeting with New Mexico Science Teachers' Association board members on April 22, 2016.

The **NM Academy of Science supports adoption of the NGSS based on the following expected outcomes:**

1. Define a quality science education for all students with skills and knowledge they need to prepare for college and careers, and to appreciate the methods of science as citizens in the real world;
2. Align with current Common Core State Standards in Math and English Arts, are integrated K-12; and replace outdated New Mexico Science Standards last reviewed in 2003;
3. Are good science and pedagogy; are better written, more explicit, focus on deeper understanding; and include applications of content integrating science and engineering practices at each grade level;
4. Have widespread local and national support as well as materials by national curriculum publishers.

Your letter should provide the following information for Secretary Skandera:

1. Identify your business and yourself by name and your position in the business.
2. Explain why science education is important to your future workforce.
3. Request immediate adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards NGSS "as written," with support of professional development and curriculum materials for teachers and students.
4. Address: Secretary of Education, Hanna Skandera
NM Public Education Department
300 Don Gaspar
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Thank you in advance for your efforts in notifying Secretary Skandera of business support for immediate adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards. Our website, www.nmas.org, has documents supporting adoption of the NGSS. National supporters are found at: <http://www.nextgenscience.org/voices-of-support>. Industrial sponsors are listed at <http://www.nextgenscience.org/sponsors>.

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